



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTION WEEK

- WHEREAS: September 17, 2018, marks the 231st anniversary of the 1787 Constitutional Convention, where the world's oldest written constitution was drafted by the United States, thus outlining the fundamental principles by which our nation is governed; and
- WHEREAS: Our Constitution establishes six basic governing principles for our society including popular sovereignty, the rule of law, federalism, judicial review, individual rights, and a separation of powers accomplished through a system of checks and balances; and
- WHEREAS: Popular sovereignty is the foundation by which our government was created by and for the people, while the rule of law requires that government be guided by a set of laws, rather than by any individual or single group. Federalism provides for the sharing of power between our national government and individual state governments; and
- WHEREAS: The Constitution ensures the distribution of functions and responsibilities among three separate branches and a system of checks and balances to calibrate those powers, guaranteeing individual rights and liberties against government encroachment; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia became the fourth state in the Union to ratify the Constitution, and was signed by Georgia delegates Abraham Baldwin and William Few on January 2, 1788; and
- WHEREAS: Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all citizens to learn of Georgia's role during our nation's founding; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17–23, 2018, as CONSTITUTION WEEK and September 17, 2018, as CONSTITUTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF